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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 646
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Linda Grayson Jones on the occasion of her retirement from the Memphis City School System.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize, particularly on the occasion of their retirement, those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Linda Grayson Jones is one such estimable educator; having distinguished herself as an excellent classroom teacher, she will soon enter into a well-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones has served with acumen and alacrity for 33 exemplary years as a teacher in the Memphis City School System, instructing and positively influencing the Business and Career Technology students at Greeter, Kingsbury, and Whitehaven High Schools; and

WHEREAS, a native of Corinth, Mississippi, and a graduate of Easom High School, Linda Jones received her Bachelor's degree in Business Education from Mississippi University

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for Women and her Master's degree from the University of Memphis, where she has completed 45 additional graduate hours; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who has worked assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Linda Jones has truly served as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones is an active and important part of her community and her profession, participating in numerous organizations, including the Memphis Education Association; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Linda Jones has been recognized for her six years of outstanding service with Business Professionals of America and has been honored with the 2001 Most Valuable Vocational Educator Award and the Employee Campaign Manager Award from United Way of the Mid-South; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Mrs. Jones is blessed with a loving and close-knit family, and she is fortunate to share both love and companionship with her husband, Jesse Jones, and her children, Rod, Daphne, and Davina; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career in education, Linda Jones has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of her colleagues and students alike; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Jones truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized for her manifold achievements upon the occasion of her retirement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED
THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE
CONCURRING, that we honor Linda Grayson Jones, commending her exceptional service to
the youth of Tennessee, saluting her professional expertise and personal excellence, and
extending to her our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued
success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared
for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.